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PART IV-B

**Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made
by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat Acts**

TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ORDER

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 22nd November, 2021

GUJARAT SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES (REGULATION OF ISSUANCE AND VERIFICATION OF CASTE CERTIFICATES) ACT, 2018.

No. GH/TD/10/AJP/112021/419/CH (p.f.):- WHEREAS the Gujarat Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of Caste Certificates) Act, 2018 (Guj. 19 of 2018) (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') has been enacted by the State of Gujarat for regulation of the Issuance and Verification of the Caste Certificates to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Other Backward Classes;

AND WHEREAS the said Act has come into force on the 25th February, 2019;

AND WHEREAS section 3 of the said Act inter alia, requires the person belonging to the Scheduled Tribe to produce a Caste Certificate in order to seek admission into any educational institution under article 15 of the Constitution of India or claim the benefit of any reservation while contesting for the elective post in any local authority;

AND WHEREAS sub-section (2) of section 6 of the said Act provides for making an application, within such time, in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed, to the concerned Scrutiny Committee for the verification of such Caste Certificate and issuance of a validity certificate;

AND WHEREAS the Gujarat State Election Commission has, declared the election of the local authorities vide its Order No : ૨૮૭૧૧૨૦૧૬/(૬)૧૩/૨૧.૨૫૫/૬ on the 22nd November, 2021;

AND WHEREAS certain difficulties have arisen in implementing the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 6 of the said Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 19 of the said Act, the Government of Gujarat hereby directs that in so far as the verification of caste Certificates and issuance of the validity certificates to the persons of the Scheduled Tribes is concerned, the Authorities to whom the applications for issuance of Caste Certificate or the Validity Certificate were to be made prior to the commencement of the said Act i.e. 25th February, 2019, shall continue to function for the purpose of elections of Local Self Government Institutions (PRIs/ULBs) and admission to any educational institutions after 10th Standard till further orders.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

MANISH MODI,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

